

RESOURCES FOR THE CLASSROOM

The resources listed below are available at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and Preservation District and complement this curriculum. The videos and books will assist teachers as they provide background information about Dr. King's life and the Civil Rights Movement. Additional resources are listed in the Reference section.

Videos:

“New Time, New Voice” 27-minute video on the life of Dr. King and his involvement in the modern Civil Rights Movement.

“Children of Courage” 15-minute video on the role youth played in the modern civil rights movement.

“Sweet Auburn” 15 minute video on the rich history of the community young Martin grew up in.

Books:

Great African Americans in Civil Rights, Pat Rediger, Crabtree Publishing Company, New York, 1995.

Profiles notable African Americans in the field of civil rights including Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Marian Wright Edelman.

Black Leaders of the Twentieth Century, edited by John Hope Franklin and August Meier, University of Illinois Press, Urbana, 1982.

Profiles the careers of fifteen nationally known twentieth century American black leaders.

Going to School During the Civil Rights Movement, Rachel Koestler, Blue Earth Book, Minnesota, 2002.

Presents what daily life was once like for kids. The history of segregation and the Protest movement that changed it. The separate, unequal schools and the brave young people who fought against them.

Marching Toward Freedom 1957-1965, Robert Weisbort, Chelsea House Publishing, New York, 1994.

Black American experience from 1957-1965 (founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to the death of Malcolm X).

Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Freedom Movement, Lillie Patterson, Facts On File, New York, 1989.

A biography of the Baptist minister, focusing on his leadership role in the civil rights movement.

Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March Toward Freedom, Rita Hakim, The Millbrook Press, Connecticut, 1991.

A biography of the U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. describing his role in the struggle of blacks for equality in the 1950s and 1960s.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Leader, Robert Jakovbek, Chelsea House Publishers, New York, 1989.

Examines the life of the Baptist minister and civil rights leader who helped American blacks win many battles for equal rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Jean Darby, Lerner Publications Co., Minneapolis, 1990.

A biography of the civil rights leader whose philosophy and practice of nonviolent disobedience helped American blacks win many battles for equal rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr., A Man Who Changed Things, Carol Greene, Children's Press, Connecticut, 1989.

A simple biography of the Baptist minister and civil rights leader who helped American blacks win many battles for equal rights and who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

What Is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? Margot Parker, Children Press, Chicago, 1990.

Describes the life of the civil rights worker who is honored on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr., Davis Alder, Holiday House, 1989.

A brief illustrated biography of the Baptist minister and civil rights leader whose philosophy and practice of nonviolent civil disobedience helps American blacks win many battles for equal rights.

Civil Rights Leaders, Sina Dubouoy, Facts On File, Inc., 1997.

Profiles the lives and achievements of nine civil rights leaders, including Ida B. Wells, A. Phillip Randolph and Fannie Lou Hamer.

Learning About Dignity from the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr., Jeanne Strazzabosco, PowerKids Press, New York, 1996.

A brief biography examining the value of dignity in the life of the Baptist minister and civil rights leader whose philosophy and practice of nonviolent social change helped African Americans win many battles for equal rights.

There Comes A Time, The Struggle for Civil Rights, Milton Meltzer, Random House, New York, 2001.

Presents an overview of the events in African American history that culminated in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s and represents a striving for equal rights.

1001 Things Everyone Should Know About African American History, Jeffrey C. Stewart, Doubleday, New York, 1996.

Presents the most significant events, individuals, terms, ideas and social movements that make up the canvas of African American history.

Life Under Jim Crow Laws, Charles George, Lucent's Book Inc., 2000.

Discusses the background and effects of the Jim Crow laws that were enacted after the Civil War to keep the races segregated.

Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories, Ellen Levine, Avon, 2000.

Presents and preserves the stories of children and teenagers who contributed to the civil rights movement.

America in the Time of Martin Luther King, Jr.: 1949 to 1976, Sally Senzell Isaacs, Heinemann Library, Australia, 1999.

Chronological look at the life and times of famous people in American history.

Witnesses To Freedom: Young People who Fought for Civil Rights, Belinda Rochelle, Puffins Books, 1993.

Describes the experiences of young blacks who were involved in significant events in the civil rights movement, including Brown vs. Board of Education, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and the sit-in movement.